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## Prohibition.

The prohibitionists in this country are taking heart from the action on the drink evil by the governments now at war. Russia's ban on vodka, France's on absinthe and England's on all alcoholic liquors are being studied for prohibition texts for use this year and next. Pamphlets are being prepared, orators primed. New applications are to be made of old arguments, and new arguments evolved from the new conditions. America is to be asked to do under the influence of peace what the great nations named have been driven to do under the influence of war. Do the right and safe thing, and do it now.

At the same time, what is called the financial, practical, side of the question is being developed by the opponents of prohibition. This, of course, has to do with the enormous sums of money invested in liquor properties, the large number of men employed in the distilling, the brewing and the saloon-keeping industries, and the amounts collected for taxes by the cities, towns, states and the national government from the several liquor sources. As confiscation is not proposed, as those thrown out of one employment would have to find other employment, and as taxes thus canceled would have to be levied on other things, this phase of the prohibition problem is important and far reaching.

Take one item. The national government collects annually in taxes on spirits nearly one hundred and sixty millions of dollars. Cancel this sum from that source, and where else would the government find the money? It would have to be found elsewhere, for not the most extreme advocate of economy in governmental expenditure proposes or expects that much of a reduction.

This aspect of the question, however, does not lessen the force of the moral aspect. The drink evil remains our greatest evil. The latitude it has enjoyed, and the power it has asserted in politics, municipal, state and national, have wrought indescribable woes. This country is aroused on the subject as never before. Men now are reinforced by women; and the women are even better organized than the men.

Out of so powerful an agitation at such a time will come something of material benefit to the country. To describe that thing in exact terms would not be possible. It may not be prohibition—the total elimination of the drink evil—but that the evil will be circumscribed and curbed—especially as respects politics—to a degree new to American life seems certain.

## An April Flareback.

It is not surprising that following a winter of unusual mildness Washington should be visited with a snowstorm in early April. The climate in this vicinity is subject to such vagaries, and there are records of severe "flarebacks" as late as this and even later. The less rigorous the latter part of the winter the more likely appear to be such unreasonable visitations. Every indication a fortnight or so ago pointed to an early coming of warm weather, but today's snow flurry follows a period of chill that has seriously disappointed the wishers for spring mildness. There would seem to be no danger to the buds in this probably last manifestation of winter, as the temperature is not low and in truth there is need of the moisture, which, whether it comes in the form of rain or snow, will help the development of the grass and flowers.

A number of "Osbornes" are congratulating themselves on the fact that no sorrowing victim of breach of promise happened to pick their names out of the New York city directory.

Without claiming to be much of a temperance orator, Kitchener manages to exert a great deal of influence in favor of total abstinence.

## Hawaii and the Philippines.

A party composed of members of Congress will sail this month for Hawaii. The purpose is to inspect the work the government has done, is doing and contemplates doing there. In this way these men will qualify themselves to pass the more intelligently on questions relating to the islands when presented to them in their legislative capacity. They will not be so far from home they cannot return in season to respond should war developments force the President to call an extra session of the new Congress.

But for the war it is likely that this party or another would have visited the Philippines and inspected the situation there. And that also would

have been time well spent. That problem is bigger than the Hawaiian problem, and is coming up in direct form when Congress assembles. But it is a long, long way to Tipperary; and legislators feel that they should not travel so far from base at this time.

While there is no longer any talk about surrendering American control of Hawaii, it should not be forgotten that such talk once was heard, and led to a movement with that object in view. Mr. Cleveland seriously considered the step, sent a special representative to the islands to arrange details, and only desisted when he discovered that a restoration of the monarchy meant the beheading of all the residents, native and other, who had assisted in the revolution which had led to the raising of the Stars and Stripes. That appeared to be too great a price to pay for a piece of burlesque knight-errantry.

But the talk about abandoning the Philippines persists. Not discouraged by their defeat last winter, the so-called anti-imperialists are preparing to renew their efforts next winter, and if possible pledge this government to a policy of scuttling as early a time as possible. They insist that the Filipinos should have their way and full sway with the archipelago in all its relations.

And yet the best informed American opinion is that early native control in the Philippines would be as bloody and as disastrous to the best interests of the islands as monarchical control would have been in Hawaii when Mr. Cleveland sought to re-establish it. Asiatic influences succeeding American influences would throw everything backward and into confusion, and fix upon this government responsibility for the catastrophe.

## Public Utility Valuations.

The public utilities commission's valuation of the plant and property of the Terminal Taxicab Company at \$255,013.22, as against a valuation by the company itself of \$533,498.69, is of especial interest, owing to its being the first of the series of valuations with which the commission is charged by the law, to form the basis for the regulation of rates to be charged by the public service corporations. It is not surprising that the commission's estimate of the property value of the taxicab company is lower than that of the company itself, but it was not expected that the difference would amount to more than 50 per cent of the corporation's own statement. It is naturally to the interest of a utilities corporation subject to a commission's jurisdiction in the matter of rate regulation to make as large a showing of investment as possible in order to bring the rate basis to the maximum point. And it is equally to the interest of the public that the official valuations should be brought as low as possible in order to justify the establishment of the most reasonable rates compatible with a proper return of profit to the operating company. In the case of the taxicab company the valuation is for the present merely an academic finding, inasmuch as owing to the fact that the status of the corporation with respect to the commission's jurisdiction remains undetermined, through an appeal to the United States Supreme Court, the commission is not now in position to proceed to the establishment of rates. The public awaits with even keener interest the findings of the commission with respect to the traction companies, the gas company and particularly the electric lighting and power company, to give a line on the future determination of the commission with respect to the rates to be charged.

## Work for the Unemployed.

Orders just given for the resurfacing of many blocks of street pavement, at an aggregate cost of \$330,000, will go far toward solving the unemployment problem in this city. Washington has suffered comparatively little from lack of employment during the past winter, owing to the fact that its working population is relatively small and is not dependent upon industries subject to the ordinary fluctuations of fortune. Nevertheless there has been an unusual number of men out of work for several months past, and it is now gratifying to find that through the street surfacing contracts employment will be furnished to many scores. It is the confident expectation that when the spring fully opens there will be a revival of building activities and other lines of private employment, so that Washington's labor problem should be speedily solved. Compared with other American cities the capital has weathered remarkably well the storm of the winter of business dullness.

Now and then Mr. Barnes' friends intimate that the action against Col. Roosevelt is a libel suit and not a lecture.

China may yet be compelled to take an active part in the discussion as to who shall manage her affairs.

## Efficiency and Promotion.

It is gratifying to note that the efficiency methods adopted in the office of the auditor for the Post Office Department, which have been subjected to some criticism as imposing a hardship upon the clerks, have worked out to their ultimate financial advantage through a series of promotions just announced, ranging from \$5 to \$25 a month, without any accompanying reductions or dismissals. When the electric devices were adopted in the auditing and postal accounts they were regarded as threatening serious disruption of the force and were vigorously attacked,

but Auditor Kram, with faith in their efficacy, held to their use, and as a consequence the work of the office has been brought nearer to date than ever before in the history of the government. It is most desirable that the government's work should be done promptly and thoroughly. No sincere friend of the government clerks as a class can desire any lack of enterprise in the adoption of time-saving or labor-saving methods compatible with reliability and efficiency. The government's working force should be in all respects as capable as that of any business establishment. It is to be hoped that Congress will note the record that has been made in the office of the Post Office auditor and adopt for the whole government service the principle that has just been applied there in accompanying increased efficiency with substantial promotions in pay.

The assertion that a man is carrying out the policy of a statesman dead and gone often calls attention to the difficulty that statesman had in carrying out the policy himself.

A public entertainment that can be widely condemned on moral grounds without being compelled to close its doors merely regards itself as well advertised.

Hopes are now expressed that shipping will be permitted to proceed on a horizontal course without danger of perpendicular deviations.

As a Mexican patriot, Villa feels it incumbent to interest himself in the possibility of a treasury deficit under the Carranza management.

In New York politics about all a man can hope for in the way of ultimate reward is credit for having put up a good fight.

Horror of war as now exemplified should exert some influence in preventing a clash between China and Japan.

In a few weeks all efforts to maintain a neutral sentiment with reference to base ball will vanish.

The price that staggers humanity has been paid by those who had least to gain by the conflict.

In England the man who can take a drink or let it alone is now expected to let it alone.

The mild winter has at least modified the high cost of keeping warm.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

## Going to an Extreme.

"Bliggins has an idea that he can run the universe."  
"Yes, I understand he is training a pet ground hog so that he can be sure of having the kind of weather predictions he wants every year."

## Distribution.

This thing called trouble is a curious biz.  
Its distribution isn't so unfair. Each mortal thinks that he has all there is.  
Yet there's enough for each and some to spare.

## Considerations of Precedence.

"Why did that girl marry Mr. Adlewell?"  
"Some idea of precedence, I suppose. She wanted to be among those who lead the list in the city directory."

## Advancement.

"Have you been making any progress since my last visit to Crimson Gulch?" asked the serious stranger.  
"Yes. Ever since some whist players struck the town we have been more refined. They didn't last long, but their influence lingers. Every time a player says he can open a jackpot everybody around the table says, 'Pray do.'"

## Perception.

"You can't see a joke," exclaimed Mr. Growcher.  
"Oh, yes, I can," replied his wife, calmly, "or I should never have looked twice at you."

"Dar's dis to be said about de man dat talks about hisself," said Uncle Eben. "He never ain't sayin' no harm about nobody."

## A Common Enemy.

"Away with vodka!" cries the czar. Says France, "Close down the fancy bar."

The Teuton says, "Whatever you do, Cling to a mild and cautious brew. As foes to old King Alcohol Thus one by one in line they fall."

"In recreation or at work Beware the wine cup," says the Turk, And England cries, "God save the king From each intoxicating thing."

"Yet, long ago both great and small Were pals of Old King Alcohol. 'Mongst many men of many minds Support each monarch somewhere finds."

Excepting one who long ago Surpassed them all in royal show, It looks as if King Alcohol Will not have any friends at all.

## A Mighty Crop of Hatreds.

From the Springfield Republican.  
Deeper depths in the hell of war are being disclosed as the great struggle passes from the first phase to another until revenge follows revenge to a riot of slaughter and devastation. To kill and then to kill, always by wholesale, to burn three times more than the enemy's army, to multiply the bomb killing of the other side—what is the end to be, where the hope of staying the red blood of these deadly animosities?

## Slowing Down.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.  
The American public, after studying the lessons of experience, seem to have concluded that it is better to travel a little slower and get there than to go at the rate of eighty miles an hour and not get there at all.

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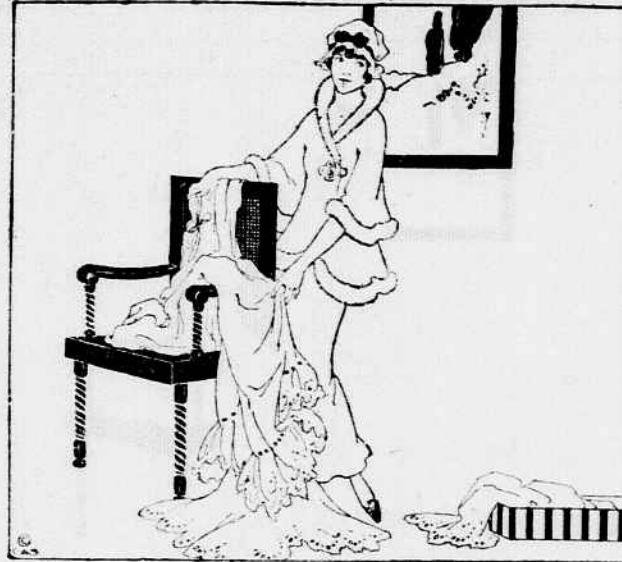
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